South Texas Veterans Health Care System

South Texas Veterans Health Care System (STVHCS) is a tertiary care hospital that includes inpatient hematology and oncology, an 8 bed blood and marrow transplant unit (BMTU) and a Clinical Research Unit. Specialized clinical pharmacy services have been provided in oncology at STVHCS since 1978.

Major areas of clinical involvement are supportive care and prevention or management of antineoplastic drug toxicity. Accordingly, oncology/hematology PharmD’s are involved in nausea and vomiting prevention, pain management, infection treatment, nutritional support, antineoplastic toxicity prevention and management, therapeutic drug monitoring, chemotherapy regimen dosing and design, and extravasation management. These services are provided to the medical oncology and hematology/BMTU services at STVHCS in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

Application Process

Please submit your application through PhORCAS. Deadline is January 6, 2017.

The University of Texas and its affiliated institutions are an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Qualified women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Security sensitive; conviction verification conducted on applicant selected.

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Pharmacists completing this residency will be able to provide proficient, confident, and compassionate direct patient care in oncology and hematology. The resident is an employee of the Veterans Administration and is directly responsible to the preceptor and the Chief of Pharmacy Services. An affiliated appointment as a Clinical Instructor through the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy is also available.

Practitioners will exercise skill in educating other healthcare professionals, patients, and the community on oncology drug therapy and they will possess skill in conducting oncology/hematology related research.

Qualifications

Resident must:
- Be a United States citizen
- Have a Pharm.D. degree from an ACPE-accredited institution
- Completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency
- Be eligible to practice pharmacy in Texas and obtain license

Rotation Experiences

- Orientation/Compounding (1 month)
- Oncology Consult Service (2 months)
- Hematology Consult Service (1 month)
- Bone Marrow Transplant (2 months)
- Chemotherapy Infusion Clinic (2 months)
- Breast/Ovarian Cancer (1 month)
- Research/Administration (1 month)
- Electives (2 months)
  - Pediatrics
  - Investigational Drug Services
  - Infectious Disease
  - Hospice/Palliative Care
  - Phase I Clinical Trials
  - Pharmacoeconomics
  - Informatics

Other Projects

- Pharmacotherapy Grand Rounds
- Pharmacotherapy Seminar Discussion
- Journal Club
- Poster presentation at The University of Texas Celebrating Research Day
- Drug Utilization Evaluation
- Practice management project
- Pharmacy Newsletter
- Participation in a committee
- Drug Information Questions (Longitudinal + minimum 1 response/month on direct patient care rotations)
- Two in-services
- Teaching Certificate (optional)